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VOLTAGE-SENSITIVE DYE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Madam/Sir:

Submitted herewith is a response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2010. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect *with traverse* species ANNINE-6 of claims 7, 8 and 11, along with the generic claims of claims 1-6, 9 and 10, for prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicant further respectfully requests that species: ANNINE-4 (formula (I) with n=1), ANNINE-5 (formula (II) with n=1), ANNINE-7 (formula (II) with n=2), ANNINE-8 (formula (I) with n=3), and ANNINE-9 (formula (II) with n=3) of claims 7, 8 and 11 be examined together with the species ANNINE-6 of claims 7, 8 and 11 and the generic claims of claims 1-6, 9 and 10.

Prior to examining the instant application on its merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this Amendment.